

URGENT TO BUY WAR BONDS NOW AND KEEP THEM

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WAR LOAN DRIVE--EVERY LOAN A LICK AT THE AXIS

AFRO-AMERICAN SONS & DAUGHTERS HAS \$93,000 WORTH OF WAR BONDS

Century Burial Association Buys \$1,000 Worth of Bonds

Drive Nears End

How anxious are we to see the end of this terrible war. Have you ever heard these words, "why can't they do something to stop the war." Well, here is an opportunity, not only for those "they", but for you and for me to shorten and eventually stop the war.

For about a month now, we have been listening to plans for bond buying. This is the fourth National Call and everybody who possibly can is asked to buy a bond, you can't buy too many and certainly you can't fail to buy at all. There is just a short time left in this drive, in fact the drive is so near an end, we could sum it up in hours. February 15, 1944, is the closing date, so if you have been procrastinating, it is time now to really act.

We must "Keep 'Em Flying" and "Em" includes us as Negroes. The Fourth War Loan Poster, "Keep Us Flying," depicts a Negro aviator and his parachute pack. This Negro fighter pilot is Second Lt. Robert W. Diez, of Portland, Oregon, who is credited by the War Department with having bagged his first enemy plane during intense air action over the Anzio-Nettuno beachhead below Rome, Thursday, January 27, 1944.

The poster is reproduced from the painting by Mrs. Betsy Graves Reyneau of Brooklyn, N. Y. She met Diez in 1942 at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, where she was doing a portrait of the late George Washington Carver, noted Negro scientist. He was in training at the Army's 50th Flying Training Depot, located near the school. He received his wings that September.

The Ninety-Ninth Fighter Squadron, the crack all-Negro outfit in which Diez serves, bagged a total of eight planes in morning and afternoon engagements to chalk up its biggest day in eleven months of operations overseas. Prior to Thursday, January 27th, the squadron had a record of only one enemy plane destroyed and several "probables." The pilots had frequently complained that they were being "fired" by fate which never carried them to an area of enemy air activity.

Diez, a graduate of the University of Oregon, and formerly a cello player in the Portland Symphony, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Diez of 254 35th Place, Portland. He is now on duty in Italy. He saw his first action in a dive-bombing raid last September on the harbor of Pesara, on the Adriatic sea.

When we consider that along with Diez, there are 450,000 Negro soldiers in the army, it must bring a realization that we must share heavily in the bond buying--Remember, you still have time to get on this Fourth round.

Active In 4th Bond Drive

Individual bond sales among Negroes in the State of Florida have been considerably stimulated by the activities of the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, says a report of the Interracial Section of the Treasury's War Finance Division.

In eight Florida cities, since the start of the Fourth War Loan, bond-selling committees representing the federation have sold, either as a result of their own efforts or in participation with other groups, a total of \$385,000 in Fourth War Loan Bonds. The cities covered were St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Tampa, Miami, West Palm Beach, Daytona Beach, St. Augustine and Jacksonville.

Author of the report is Mrs. Nell Hunter, coordinator of women's activities for the Interracial Section, who helped to launch the bond sales program of the Florida federation. Her report says that the bond-sales program to be conducted by unit clubs of the federation will be a permanent one, and will be integrated with the work of the State War Finance Committees.

In cities where Negro war finance committees have not yet been formed, the federation clubs will take the lead in campaign activities. This has already been effected in the cities of St. Petersburg, St. Augustine, Clearwater and Daytona Beach. At its initial bond rallies, in conjunction with the Fourth War Loan, the federation sold \$23,000 worth of bonds in St. Petersburg and \$18,000 in Daytona Beach.

Mrs. Hunter recently toured key cities of the State with Mrs. Fannie A. Ponder, of St. Petersburg, state federation president.

The Century Burial Association increased its bond holdings by \$1,000.00 during this Fourth War Loan Drive. In connection with this purchase, T. J. Huddleston, Chief Executive of the Association, made a special call upon all Century Agents urging them to buy bonds in their respective counties. This urge received a hearty response as many of our agents derive a substantial income from their Century work. This method of contact has been used successfully through each Bond Loan Drive and although purchases made are individual ones, the Century Burial Association is the driving force.

Death Claims Baptist Leader

A laborer in Christ's vineyard retired from labor to reward, when Dr. A. A. Cooley was translated to the Great Beyond on January 31, 1944. One finds it hard to pay adequate tribute to a life so well spent, a life so worthy as that of Dr. Cooley's. Newspaper men throughout the state have been writing beautiful eulogies of this life and that, too, renders our task more complicated.

As far back as we can trace the work of Dr. Cooley, it has been outstanding and has received commendation of his fellow workers. Three years ago, at Vicksburg, Mississippi, the man was the choice of the people and was elected as President of the Mississippi State Baptist Convention. So, well did he serve his people the first term, he was re-elected for the second term and it was during this second term he was called to receive the highest reward. Some of the most notable work of the Convention was done under his leadership. At the last Annual Convention, \$35,000.00 was raised, more than at any time previous and plans had already been laid for raising \$75,000.00 at the coming Convention which is to convene here in July. Dr. Cooley's aim and purpose was to free Natchez College of debt in 1944. This school was of deep interest to Dr. Cooley, having served as its president prior to his election as President of the State Convention. While he was President of Natchez College, he won the hard fight of having the doors open by organizing food centers in each county. Contributions of food was carried to a central point and picked up by truck to maintain the school. In every phase of the work he has been engaged, he proved himself an unequalled leader.

Funeral services for this great leader was held Tuesday morning, February 1, 1944, from his church, King Solomon, Vicksburg, Mississippi. People thronged the building and grounds as a last act of respect to this faithful Christian worker. Following the processional, Dr. R. C. Anderson read the scripture taken from the Psalms of David, Dr. W. L. Varnado of Birmingham, Alabama, offered prayer. The choir sang "Servant of God, Well Done." A representative from King Solomon and Rose Hill spoke on his life as pastor. Dr. W. M. Walton read telegrams and letters of condolence and Dr. C. M. West read the obituary. The following Baptist leaders spoke on this life as being one of the greatest Baptist leaders ever known in Mississippi: Revs. R. W. Fest, A. W. Wilson, Mrs. E. D. McGowan, Dr. J. W. Gayden, Prof. H. D. Adams, Prof. W. L. Nelson, President Fm. H. Bell, Hon. T. J. Huddleston, Dr. D. A. McCall, Dr. C. A. Greer and Dr. J. J. Bell, also, Dr. D. Swan Haworth, pastor of the First Baptist Church (White) of Vicksburg, Mississippi. Prof. Theodore R. Frye of Chicago, Illinois, sang "Jesus Cares." In well chosen words, Dr. D. V. Jemison, President, National Baptist Convention, Selma, Alabama, delivered the funeral sermon. Dr. Jemison chose for a subject, "Tomorrow is the New Moon, Your Seat Will Be Empty." He explained the toils and burdens of a Christian leader's life, and then the triumphant end of same. The floral offering was most liberal, making the deceased appear to be in the midst of a garden of flowers. To this servant, we believe, the still small voice whispered "Well Done, Good and Faithful, Servant."

Speaks at Canton

Hon. T. J. Huddleston, Founder and Custodian of the Afro-American Sons and Daughters, delighted a large audience in Canton, Mississippi when he was principal speaker in an Afro Drive. Some of the old fire and force of the pioneer days seemed to have flowed through every word this man of the people uttered. So powerful was his address that he convinced seventy (70) people that the Afro-American Sons and daughters offer one of the best protections for life and death that can be bought in the state of Mississippi. Mr. Huddleston was highly entertained and received a standard invitation to return.

Prize Winner



Meet Baby Vivian Howard King, 3rd, son of Sgt. and Mrs. V. H. King, Jr., who won first place in a Baby Contest sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service. This little fellow marched to victory with \$96.82. He believes his overwhelming victory will help his soldier daddy who is somewhere across the borders, take new faith and courage.

In Appreciation

The Esters family wish to express their most sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to the many friends who came to us at the death of our father, Mr. John Esters, who died of heart failure, Monday, January 24, 1944, while in the woods for wood.

To the Century Burial Association and its manager, Mrs. Jessie Mae Thomas we are most grateful for the kindness tendered. Every kindness needed was shown by those in charge. We will always be grateful to you for the fine way you administered to our need and the beautiful way our father was put away.

THE ESTERS FAMILY.

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Buys \$27,000.00 Worth of Bonds In 4th War Loan Drive

The Afro-American Sons and Daughters, a fraternal organization, founded by T. J. Huddleston, and known throughout many states, has answered every bond call made by our country. In this Fourth Bond Loan, this organization has invested \$27,000.00 worth of Bonds. The Custodian, T. J. Huddleston, is continually pounding upon the minds of his people the importance of buying bonds; said he, "Buying Bonds is simply making a safe and wise investment, it is not a gamble, a game where you win or lose—but a substantial profit to the buyer." He is right. To give up a few luxuries is no sacrifice. Most of the bond buying public still get what they actually need and most of them get what they are accustomed to buying, where that particular thing is available.

The Afro program has not lagged the least for the need of money spent in bonds. This investment will return to Negro posterity to bless and protect, and to keep new streams open for years to come. Future depressions—if and when they come, will find this organization well fortified because of these bonds purchased now for the four freedoms.

T. C. Huddleston on Field For Afros

"The harvest is great, but the laborers are few." These scriptural words find new meaning in the critical days we are now meeting. Laborers are few in every field, manpower and man action can hardly be obtained at any cost. We are finding ourselves suffering more from a shortage of men than from material; men who are fit and able for the battle fronts and men who are fit and able for the home front.

In view of the vast areas needing to be touched and the limited experienced help, T. C. Huddleston is now back to active duties on the field for the Afro-American Sons and Daughters. Mr. Huddleston thoroughly understands the work and the lodges will be greatly benefitted by his services. The Afro field work, although progressing nicely through the work of the Custodian and others, will naturally take on new life under the capable and efficient T. C. Huddleston.

Negroes Patriotic in 4th War Loan Drive

The Treasury Department has sent a letter of thanks to Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, on the outstanding success of a patriotic mass meeting and bond rally in Memphis, Tenn., January 24, under auspices of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches of America.

The letter to Bishop Wright was signed by James L. Houghteling, director of the National Organizations Division, Treasury Department.

Representatives of the Treasury's War Finance Division, present at the rally, were tendered two checks for \$200,000 each, covering purchases of War Bonds by the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, of Atlanta, Ga., and the Universal Life Insurance Company, of Nashville, Tenn.

The rally, which drew a crowd of 10,000 to Ellis's Auditorium, was featured by the crowning of the "Champion War Mother of America," Mrs. Olivia Jones, a West Tennessee farmer's wife. Mrs. Jones is the mother of twenty children, seventeen living. Nine are in the armed forces and one is deferred for farm work.

The main speaker for the occasion was Dr. William Pickens, chief of the Interracial Section of the Treasury's War Finance Division. He said if America should lose the war, "Negroes will lose the best chances for race advancement they have ever had." He saw it as the public duty of Negroes to "defend America with our lives and our money."

Mayor Chandler of Memphis, extolled the "unexcelled patriotism of Negroes" in his address of welcome.